PENSIONS IN EUROPE BOTH CHEAP AND GOOD

A Young Woman Tells Why She Doesn't See Her Own Country First.

WHAT \$1 A DAY WILL GIVE

Experiences at Boarding Houses Not Found by Most Tourists.

"Don't you think it your duty to see your own country first?" a friend asked an independent young woman who was preparing for a trip to Europe.

"Miserable recurring question!" was frequently miss afternoon coffee, she the young woman's reply. "Each time I was charged 88 cents, the extra twelve hear it I am more impatient. Duty in- cents to be paid on the days she had It is all a matter of taste and how much money you have. A little money will take you further on the Continent than them lasted all day, but there were sevin the States. No further perhaps in eral trips that cost only a few cents and miles, but in sights and lore, besides the earthly but inevitable consideration of afternoons. One day she walked five food and service. For where in Amer- miles to Triberg to see the waterfall. ica could you find delicious meals, a She found the place a fashionable resort comfortable room, prompt answer to and noisy, and was quite content to take houses she had stopped at in Europe.

One of the boarding houses was in Rome. In the large cities on this side a dollar a day often sends you hungry to She went to a peasant's wedding, too, bed and walking down four flights of at the village of Unterkirnach. The steps for what you want. A dollar a day was the summer rate at the Roman boarding house, but it is little more in the season. The young woman reached Rome late on a June night, and the factotumof the pension met her at the station. He had worked for the padrona thirtytwo years, ever since he had worked at all. He was guide, butler, counsellor in orte, efficient, and beyond that, graceful. The next morning the maid brought to the American's bedroom coffee with crisp rolls and a pat of butter imprinted with Romulus and Remus and the wolf. The real breakfast, at noon, consisted of several courses. First soup, then an entree, which was often a native vegetable and very savory, tasting like gumbo and eggplant combined; next meat, which was frequently fowl, a vegetable salad, pastry, fruit and coffee. Your own small caraffa of red or white wine was before you. The evening dinner was somewhat similar, with more vegetables and olives.

One pleasant incident the young woman would have missed had she been in a hotel. An attache of the embassy who sat with her at table told her that on the morrow at 10 the King and Queen of Italy were leaving town for a day, that it was not generally known, and that she might see them easily from the steps of the Church San Andrea al Quirinale. There was no crowd there, perhaps twenty people. The King's carriage passed slowly, escorted only by four carriages and about twenty officers on superb horses. There sat Queen Elena, beautiful under a plumed hat, and the little King, large of heart and character. Had she been in a hotel she would have known of a public appearance, but not of this chance to see Italy's rulers at close hand and un-

able, if commonplace, it boasted a lift, dren) act." The lift carried three passengers only, so some of the party usually walked up.

Canal at \$1.40 a day.

The young woman felt the contrast, residential or business property. though it was chiefly in non-essentials. thick cups, for instance. But there was themselves that the children for whom a cordial welcome at a pension at Frei- the free meals are to be provided are a cordial welcome at a pension at Frei-burg in Baden and \$1 a day gave her unable to take full advantage of the They Are Symbol of Industry All fend the title under rules and regulations a little room on the second floor and a education provided for them on account good and abundant table. The extras of the inability of their parents to give were candles at about 10 cents a week them sufficient food. were candles at about 10 cents a week
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Swedish count. She guilelessly asked attempt to take any undue advantage

many castles has your uncle?" A place where she had a very interesting fortnight was in the heart

she went on to tell of the boarding day she went by train to The Another houses she had stormed at the boarding day she went by train to The Another day she went by train to Donaueschin-gen and saw the source of the Danube in a beautiful large stone basin, while the band in the public garden played "The Blue Danube."

at the village of Unterkirnach. The wedding party walked the village street, the pretty bride in a black dress and long white veil. The bridesmaids were far more gorgeous, their headdresses seemingly decorated bird cages. The American was covertly levelling a camera at them, when one of them stopped and said she would stand still to be photographed. photographed.

An excursion to Petersell brought forth a tale of woe. The tourist went to one of the Moravian missions, established at intervals along the railroad, where the brothers own a large piece of land and a good hotel. Here they told of

where the brothers own a large piece of land and a good hotel. Here they told of the Moravian "furthest up the road."

It seems that from time to time a number of brides are sent up the road for the brothers to choose from. This gives first choice to the nearest brother, a widower, went to the station to meet his second fate. Without comment he helped her alight and put her in his carriage. But as he unbuckled the hitching strap, he whispered tragically in the ear of his coal black horse:

"Red hair again."

And last, Paris, There the rate paid by the American girl was \$1.20 a day for a good room and table. Entirely without pay was monsieur's kind help with the French at table, and his patience in directing her over Paris. Better than Baedeker he told her the quickest and cheapest way to reach places. When she wanted to buy gowns and hats, madame gave her addresses of dealers, who worked only for the French and who sold things at a quarter of the Rue de la Palx prices. The saleswomen could not speak English, but they could make signs.

FREE MEALS IN LONDON. Poor Children Sufferers From Lon-

don Transport Strike. LONDON, June 12.-The dock laborers' strike caused the nip of hunger to be felt at once in all the County Council nce, but not of this chance to see tally's rulers at close hand and unrowded.

At Florence she stopped at a pension thich charged \$1.20 a day. Comfort-force the "education (feeding of chilwhich charged \$1.20 a day. Comfort- force the "education (feeding of chil-

In the poorer districts this act is gen-In the poorer districts this act is gen-erally in force to some extent, but in erally in force to some extent, but in years to an accountant." They reached the top floor before the days of strike its application becomes

The authorities have first to satisfy

a maid brought a basket of slim wood, constant reports as to the condition of very costly. Indeed only well to do women the pieces a little larger than tooth, the children and circumstances of the could afford to wear one. Afterward, how-

The County Council has the power, if it is thought justifiable, to demand repayment from the parents and to sue them if necessary. In practice this is found to be impossible. In the district of twest Ham some time ago it was thought that there were numerous cases in which repayment should be made, the idea, of course, being to avoid pauperlzing the parents as far as possible. More than f1,000 was spent on law, and the return was only f39. It must be said, however, that there is no noticeable tendency on the part of parents to Freiburg is a university city and she ment from the parents and to sue them bell like shape. It was originally worn on the was there during the summer season. If necessary. In practice this is found thumb to parry the thrust of a needle point-May and June. Her pension sheltered to be impossible. In the district of ing through the stuff, and not as at present, May and June. Her pension sheltered to be impossible. In the district of the impossible in the district of the impossible in the district of the impossible in the district of the impossible. In the district of the impossible is a symmetry of the impossible in the district of the di were engaged in research in the same that there were numerous cases in bol of indust. They were from Holland, which repayment should be made, the girl is taken as a Lint that she should learn Switzerland. Wales. Canada and the idea, of course, being to avoid pauper- to sew or that her clothing needs mending. Switzerland. Wales, Canada and the United States and made an interesting group. Her neighbor at table the first night was an imposing, handsome man, some 6 feet 4 inches tail, a young able tendency on the part of parents to avoid paulie. Fashion't in thimbles is very luvurious in the East. Wealthy Chinese women have thimbles carved out of mother of pearl and sometimes the top is a single precious stone.

him whether he intended to take a degree that year.

"Oh, no," he said, "for me that is not necessary. I study political economy the better to govern my estates."

After one of the frequent German Festtage, which he had spent with some German relations, he told the American girl at dinner, "I have shot a deer

German relations, he told the American girl at dinner, "I have shot a deer yesterday."

"Great luck," she responded, "I hope you brought us some venison."

He had not.

"Where is the deer?" she could not help asking.

"In the castle of my uncle."

It was true, of course, but it sounded so like conversation books that it was hard to keep from continuing. "How many castles has your uncle?"

dinner is provided. Whole wheat bread and jam or margarine, oatmeal porridge are generally selected for this meal.

The organization for supplying these meals differs greatly in different districts. The first steps are the same in all. The teacher notices a child whom he or she may suspect of being underfed. The child is then questioned and the case reported to the local committee. A member of the latter calls at the home, makes inquiries, has a very component, and if this is satisfactory the parent, and if this is satisfactory the child goes on receiving free meals: if child goes on receiving free meals; is otherwise the meals are stopped, which

very rarely happens.

The differences occur in the systems teresting formight was in the heart of the Black Forest at Sommerau. The being my country first?" a friend asked dependent young woman who was ring for a trip to Europe.

Some of the Black Forest at Sommerau. The possible pension rate was \$1 a day, but since she was to make excursions and would frequently miss afternoon coffee, she was thanged 88 cents, the extra twelve of the pound rate brings in plenty of money, and here the education authorities can buy their own provisions. In many of these districts there is a well organized content to be paid on the days she had coffee. This was the host's suggestion.

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DO WOMEN LIKE FIGURES?

They Are Not Romantic Enough. Says a Woman Accountant.

From the London Paily News and Leader.
"It is extraordinarily difficult to find a woman ready to stand alone or to take financial responsibility," said Lady St. Davids at the conference the other day of the Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries, when a committee was formed to start a society for women clerks and secretaries under the losurance act. "Oh. no, nothing to do with money," they will

say. "Anything but that.

Much the same opinion is held by Mrs.

Much the same opinion is held by Mrs. Ayres Purdie, the well known accountant and the first lady to be admitted to the

to succeed in a profession like ours, which needs all a girl's faculties and attention.
"I don't think accountant's work sounds

romantic enough for the average girl." said Mrs. Purdie with a laugh. "She likes something more sentimental. She thinks And do you find them so?

"Not at all. I love the life. It is full variety and interest and brings one the provincial universities or at the London School of Economics, after which a girl

They reached the top floor before the days of strike its application occurs.

If an aspirant to accountancy has no means Mrs. Purdie advises her to get as but permissive, and allows the educational authorities of any district to levy a rate to the amount of one cent on each \$4.80 of the actual rental value of From Italy to Germany is a far cry.

From Italy to Germany is a far cr If an aspirant to accountancy has no her to take up a public practice." four prize winners of the first contest in

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GAMES AND PROBLEMS

It Will Be a New York-Havana Congress and Greatest Ever Held.

FOR THE WORLD'S TITLE whether Rt-

Four Winners of Congress Will Play Second Tourney for Honors.

The announcement that the proposed of witnessing the second part in the Cuban metropolis.

As this will be a double round tourna-

nent, that is to say, one in which every

stance the Steinitz-Tschigorin matches and the contest between Tschigorin and Guns-

berg, and although a great number of famous experts have visited the Havana

Cuban metropolis, and it is stated that the contest is looked forward to with

order to decide the championship of the world. Very good, too, is a regulation

to be agreed upon by the twelve players in the original contest. In view of the

fall in with the scheme, enter the New

Chess players will be glad to learn that

RUY LOPEZ.

25 QR-KKt Kt-Kd

(2) A dangerous file to open. Johner takes advantage of it with consummate skill.

(b) Under the impression of providing an adequate defence.

(c) It is interesting to observe the plausibility of blacks manneuver from the moment when he opened the opponent's KKt Ble. He first played Kt-K, cleared the centre and how has the QKt to replace the KKt at K. Still it is not sufficient, as will be seen.

(d) Compulsory. If 25. KtxP then 26. RxP ch. wins, and If 25. QxP then 28. RxP ch. K-R; 27. RxP ch. If 27. QxR then 28. Q-B6 ch and matenest move, and If 27. Kxl then 28. B-B2 and wins.

(e) Also forced, and so is the remainder of this

Barasz.

Black.

P. K4

K1- CH3

P. OK3

K1- B3

B- K2

P. OK14

P. OS

R. OK1

P. PXP

Castles

B- KU

BIKU

K1- OK15

P- D8

K1- OK15

P- D8

K1- K4

P- RP

K1- O4

P- RP

K1- O4

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K1- O4

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R-B Kt-B3 P-R4 R-Kch R-K3 R-Q3 ch R-H3 ch R-K5 R-K5 ch R-K5

competitor for championship honors.

to) The knight is released, but more serious complications arise. The alternative would be 11... B—B4 ch. 12 K—R, B—K6.

(c) Forced, because otherwise Kt—R4.

(d) A very pretty final attack, which seems to lead to a forced win, in conjunction with the further advance of the pawn.

(e) The only move, B—R6 being threatened.

(f) He could have made a better knight's move, but the exchange abead would have won in the end.

ĺ	RUY LOPEZ.			
		Balla Black V-K4 Kt-Oh3 P-Oh3 B-K2 H-Oh4 P-Oh4 R-Oh4 P-Oh4 R-Oh4 P-Oh4 R-Oh	Vatra. White 24 PR15 25 QP-R15 26 QP-R15 27 PxP 28 BR6 31 R-Q 2 35 Q N87 25 QP-R1 35 BxP ch 35 KxRt 46 BxQ 47 Kt-Kt5h 45 Kt-Kt5h 45 Kt-Kt5h 45 Kt-Kt5h 45 Kt-Kt5h 45 Kt-Q 47 Kt-Q 47 Kt-D	Balla Black. P-Ktd QPRP PAP PAP B-Q3 P-R45 KtxPe
1	25 P 154	Kt-B2	1	

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A number of widely varying stories have been told about how Mark Twain and Charles Dudley Warner came to collaborate on "The Glided Age." and Albert Bigelow Paine in the current instalment of his biography of Twain takes occasion to tell the true story. It was at the time the two families were close neighbors in Hartford and were particularly intimate.

"At the dinner table one night." says Mr. Paine, "with the Warners present, criticisms of recent novels were offered with the usual freedom and severity of dinner table talk. The husbands were inclined to treat rather lightly, perhaps, the novels in which their wives were finding entertainment. The wives natof doubtful value, but Balla probably urally retorted that the proper thing

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"Warner came over then and Clemens"

SUBSIDIZED NOVEL WANTED. uthors Report to "The Bookman a Letter Asking for One.

The office of the Bookman has been receipt of a series of notifications fro several of our most widely known writers who it seems have been receiving similar and curious letters. The authors all report the letters to have been written on the paper of an advertisement compan-and to have been worded as follows: DEAR SIR: You are indebted for this i

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The recent strike of the dock workers the dock workers. The effect of the more picturesque plan was that of

due to the fact that the car men joined the markets to their shops. An even Smithfield market.

| RUV LOPEZ | Breyer | Schlechter | Breyer | Schlechter | Breyer | Schlechter | White | Black | 1 P-K4 | P-K4 | 16 Kt-K4 | KtAP ch | 2 Kt-KtB3 | Kt-Q18 | 18 PxH0 | B-Q3 | 18 PxH0 | B-Q3 | 4 B-R1 | Kt-B3 | 19 R-Q5 | KtAP | 5 Castles | P-Q3 | 20 KxKtc | Q-R5 ch | 6 R-K | P-QKt4 | 21 K-K3 | QR-Q | 7 H-Kt3 | B-K2 | 22 H-Q2 | P-Qt5 | 8 P-B3 | Castles | P-Q3 | B-Kt5 | 24 R-Q5 | P-B4 | 8 P-Q3 | B-Kt5 | 24 R-Q5 | P-B4 | 8 P-Q3 | B-Kt5 | 24 R-Q5 | P-B4 | 10 PxH3 | B-Kt4 | 25 B-Q | Q-R5 ch | 10 PxH3 | B-Kt4 | B-Kt3 | 25 K-B2 | Q-Kt5 | ch | 13 PxH4 | B-Kt3 | 25 K-B2 | Q-Kt5 | ch | 15 RxK1 | 15 RxK1 | Kt-B5a | (a) This only leads to a drawn position if white does not submit to the contemplated sacrifice | fater on. | (b) 18 RxB | Kt-Kt1 | 19 BxKt | BxB | with bishops of different color | (c) 20 Q-B3 | Q-R5 | 21 RxB | PxR; 22 | QxKt | in London tied up the ordinary means of transportation by which dealers in provisions got their supplies. This was dealers used automobiles to carry supplies from the cabs being loaded with meat at

1. Maroczy; 2. Ernst; 3. Molnar; 4. stein; 11. Salwe; 12. Johner; 13. Spiel-fates; 5. Eliasow; 6. Havasi; 7. Leon-mann; 14. Gajdos; 15. Dr. Fluss; 16. Sterk; 17. Balla; 18. Erdoessy; 19. Mar-Sterk; 17. Balla; 18. Erdoessy; 19. Mar-Schlechter; 30. Wolf. competitor will have to play two games with every other player, it follows that, if there are twelve players, eleven rounds of the formulations.

(b) A very good rejoinder. A pawn is won the American people with better ones.

(c) A very good rejoinder. A pawn is won the American people with better ones.

y force.

All excellently timed to prevent P—B6.

All A compulsory counter attack, hoping or retard white's advance in the centre, but he creaks through nevertheless and brings his was bishops into action.

All investings attack very difficult to meet. The prevention of the moment Clemens and Warwill be contested in this city and eleven rounds at Havana. In order to make the congress a really important one, the management will see that practically only first prize winners in previous international tourneys or such masters who threatened.

Upon this difficult manurure Yates had clide and seal his move, time for adjourning ag been called.

The only move to save immediate loss of have beaten first prize winners in a set match, will be eligible to play, and only in case a sufficient number of such men comes a difficult ending. The 'ext od enough, but perhaps the simple, . RXB: AS. KIXR. KIXP: 29. P-Kt6. St-Kte ch. followed by KiXP, would manager invite other famous men to take the places of the absentees.

Although many important chess events have taken place at Havana, as for in-

Yates: 5, Eliasow; 6, Havasi; 7, Leon-mann; 14, Gajdos: 15, Dr. Fluss; 16, hardt: 8, Cohn; 9, Foeldes: 10, Rubin-Sterk; 17, Balia; 18, Erdoessy; 19, Mar-

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

Hromadka, Lowrels, White, P. Q4, 9 Castles 10 P. B4 Kt. KB3 11 B. Q2 QKt. Q2 13 Kt. R32 Kt. R33 kt. R3 "Club de Ajedrez," the Cubans never be-fore had a chance of witnessing a really first class international tourney at the Position after White's 15th more.

() Man .P. 34 13 22 QaB 23 Q-R6 24 RxKtg 25 K-R 26 B-B4 ch 27 R-KKt

defence has been abandoned long ago reatening P-K4, which White prevents and also subsequently.

Richert would have been 6. PrP:7 BrBP.

Richert St. followed by P.—Ks and B.—K2.

Defending the threatened attack forelowed with White's R.—B3.

Black relied on this as a saving clause.

Different defences might be suggested, it is hardly possible to withstand the attack le long run.

in the long run.

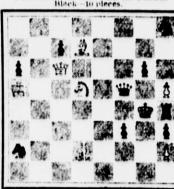
(g) As a matter of course.
(h) Indefensible, two mates being threatened.

A brilliant game on the part of Lowizky.

PROBLEM NO. 267. BY P. K. TRAXLER.



White- 6 pieces.
White to play and mate in three moves. PROBLEM NO. 258.—BY M. FEIGL.



White-7 pleces SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 261 K15, PxB; 2, K-K14, &c. - K15, K-B6; 2, Q-Beh, &c. - K15, K-B4; 2, QxR ch, &c. SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 266.

This was regarded as a challenge and spur of the moment Clemens and War-

ner agreed that they would do a novel together; that they would begin it immediately. That is the whole story of the book's origin, so far at least as the collaboration is concerned. "Clemens in fact had the beginning of a story in his mind but had been unwilling to undertake an extended

early flush of enthusiasm waned.
"Warner came over then and Clemens read it aloud to him. Warner had some plans for the story and took it up at this point and continued it through the twelve chapters; and so worked alternately, 'in the superstition, as Mark Twain long afterward declared 'that we were writing one coherent yarn, when I suppose, as a matter of fact, we were writing two incoherent "The book was begun in February

and finished in April, so the work did not lag. The result, if not highly ar-tistic, made astonishingly good reading. Warner had the touch of romance; Clemens had the gift of creating, or at east portraying, human realities. Most of his characters reflected intimate per-sonalities of his early life. Besides the apotheosis of James Lampton into the immortal Sellers, Orion became Wash-ington Hawkins, Squire Clemens the Judge, while Mark Twain's own person. ality in a greater or lesser degree is re-flected in most of his creations. As for the Tennessee land, so long a will-o'-the-wisp and a bugbear, it became tangible property at last.

RENE BAZIN'S CREED. It is to Portray French Life Justly

Beyond the Parisian Phase. Réne Bazin, the distinguished French

novelist and academician, who is now in this country as one of the French Commission to the Champlain tercentenary. and whose new novel, "Davidée Birot," is scheduled for this month, is one of the very few French writers whose works are brought out in this country at the same time that they appear in France; indeed, he stands alone as a French novelist of this day who has a large and evergrowing public in America. "Davidée Birot" is the love story of a fine young French girl who becomes a school teacher in a little town of Ardesis through her intense desire to be of service. Its plot, intensely concerned with the social probintensely concerned with the social prob-lems introduced by the prominence of idea would be to have the book carry the

lems introduced by the prominence of labor unions, largely depends upon a strike of miners who throng the town in Ardesis, where Davidée's school is.

M. Bazin was born in Angers in 1853. He was a delicate boy and spent most of his early years on an Angevin farm. As he grew up he studied and practised law at Angers, and for many years held a professorship of criminal law in the university of the work. What we pictures—necessary for the work. What we not the strong of the hook and there is no casen why he should not also receive a royalty on the strong of the work. What we pictures—necessary for the work. What we not the strong of the work. he should not also receive a royalty of the sacrifications were litterary and he was driven toward novel writing by a conviction that the run of French novels misrepresented the French people, partly through their concentration on the Parisian phase of French life. He set himself to reveal the nature of the people of the French provinces, a section of French life which he felt had been strangely neglected. He aimed to show France and the world that his people had depth and simplicity of nature, and were at root an intensely moral people. Partly because of this some of his earlier novels turned mainly on religious questions—and since he was a Catholic, a large section of his American public has been Catholic. He has set forth his literary creed in these words: "Our novelists, by occupying themselves with this unrepresentative part too exclusively, have created and spread a conception of our country which is not only inadequate, but is also essentially false.

"If I have held myself resolutely aloof" Correct solutions to both these problems re-